

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice and add new claim 23 as follows:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 - 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method of moulding a two part hinge including a first moulded part and a second moulded part connected together during moulding to allow relative pivotal movement between the parts, the method comprising:

moulding the first part;

moulding the second part over the first part after moulding of the first part to form an interface between the second part and the first part at which said relative pivotal movement is allowed; and

after moulding of the second part, allowing the second part to shrink in a controlled manner to provide a predetermined frictional force at the interface between the first part and the second part in order to resist said relative pivotal movement.

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the second part is moulded over the first part during shrinkage of the first part after moulding, such that shrinkage of said first part during moulding of the second part and shrinkage of said second part controls said predetermined frictional force at said interface.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the predetermined frictional force is generally constant over the extent of said relative pivotal movement.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the interface is annular.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the interface is shaped during moulding so that said predetermined frictional force changes

in a controlled manner over the extent of said relative pivotal movement.

17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said interface is elliptical.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said first part is resilient after moulding and is deformed at the interface during moulding and/or shrinkage of said second part, the resilience of said first part affecting the frictional force at said interface.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein shrinkage of said second part is limited by the resilience of said first part, and the resilience of said first part and said second part at an equilibrium condition after moulding is complete controls said predetermined frictional force.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first part and the second part are moulded with limiting means for limiting the extent of said relative pivotal movements between two limits of travel.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first and the second parts are moulded with detent means operable to resist said relative pivotal movement out of at least a first relative orientation of the first and the second parts.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said first part is a bearing member fixable relative to a pivotal axis and said second part is a supporting member allowed to pivot about said axis.

23. (New) A method of molding a two part hinge comprising a first molded part and a second molded part connected together during molding to allow relative pivotal movement between the parts, the method comprising:

molding the first part and allowing the first part to shrink during the transition between a molding temperature and a cooling temperature;

introducing the first part into a mold for the second part; and

molding the second part over the first part to form an interface between the second part and the first part at which said relative pivotal movement is allowed,

wherein said molding of the second part comprises injecting the material of the second part before the first part has completed shrinkage after molding so that the first part undergoes shrinkage during molding of the second part in order to provide a predetermined frictional force at the interface between the first part and the second part in order to resist said relative pivotal movement.